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Re: Agency Cooperation on M-45 Change Package

Dear Messrs. Schepens, Iani, and Ms. Hoffman,

The Hanford Advisory Board commends the Department of Energy-Office of River Protection and the Washington State Department of Ecology for their cooperation in preparation of the M-45 Milestone Change Package, currently out for public review and comment. In a relationship that has sometimes been contentious, this cooperation is refreshing, and we encourage such agency cooperation in the future.

Sincerely,

Todd Martin, Chair Hanford Advisory Board

This letter represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.

cc: Howard Gnann, Deputy Designated Federal Official, U.S Department of Energy

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